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**CLAIMS:**

What is claimed is:

1. A data processing system input pointing device  
5 comprising:  
a single control device included within said input  
pointing device; and  
said single control device for controlling an audio  
output of said data processing system in response to a  
10 movement of said control device.
2. The device according to claim 1, wherein said  
control device further comprises an audio wheel.
- 15 3. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
said control device capable of being moved forward;  
and  
means for increasing a volume of said audio output  
in proportion to an amount said control device is moved  
20 forward.
4. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
said control device capable of being moved backward;  
and  
25 means for decreasing a volume of said audio output  
in proportion to an amount said control device is moved  
forward.
5. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
30 said control device capable of being depressed; and

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means for toggling a mute of said audio output in response to said control device being depressed twice in quick succession.

- 5 6. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
said control device capable of being depressed and moved forward; and

means for fast forwarding through a current audio selection while said control device is depressed while  
10 simultaneously being moved forward.

7. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
said control device capable of being depressed and moved backward; and

15 means for rewinding through a current audio selection while said control device is depressed while simultaneously being moved backward.

8. The device according to claim 1, wherein said input  
20 pointing device is a mouse.

9. The device according to claim 1, wherein said  
control device is an audio wheel included on a side of  
said input pointing device.

- 25 10. A mouse for use in a data processing system, said mouse comprising:

a single audio wheel included on a side of said mouse; and

- 30 said audio wheel for controlling said audio output of said data processing system in response to a movement of said audio wheel.

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11. The mouse according to claim 10, further comprising  
said single audio wheel capable of increasing a volume,  
decreasing said volume, toggling a mute of said volume,  
fast forwarding through a current audio selection, and  
5     rewinding through said current audio selection.

12. A method in a data processing system comprising the  
steps of:

           providing an input pointing device;  
10         including an audio control device on said input  
           pointing device; and  
           controlling an audio output of said data processing  
system in response to a movement of said audio control  
device.

15         13. The method according to claim 12, further comprising  
the steps of:  
           moving said audio control device forward; and  
           increasing a volume of said audio output in  
20         proportion to an amount said audio control device is  
           moved forward.

14. The method according to claim 12, further  
comprising:  
25         moving said audio control device backward; and  
           decreasing a volume of said audio output in  
proportion to an amount said audio control device is  
moved forward.

30         15. The method according to claim 12, further  
comprising:  
           depressing said audio control device; and

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toggling a mute of said audio output in response to  
said audio control device being depressed twice in quick  
succession.

depressing while simultaneously moving said audio control device forward; and

fast forwarding through a current audio selection while said audio control device is depressed and simultaneously moved forward.

17. The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

depressing while simultaneously moving said audio control device backward; and

means for rewinding through a current audio selection while said audio control device is depressed and simultaneously moved backward.

18. A method in a data processing system comprising the steps of:

providing an input pointing device;

including a single audio wheel on a side said input pointing device; and

controlling a volume, toggling of a mute of said volume, fast forwarding through a current audio selection, and rewinding through said current audio selection utilizing said single audio wheel.